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**Preliminary Amendment**

Sir:

In the claims:

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims whether or not amended are presented below.

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61. (Thrice Amended) A method for identifying an agent which decreases hedgehog signal transduction in a cell, comprising contacting one or more test agents with a cell that expresses a wild-type patched protein and identifying test agents that decrease the level of hedgehog signal transduction relative to the absence of test agent.
62. (Thrice Amended) A method for identifying an agent which decreases hedgehog signal transduction in a cell, comprising contacting one or more test agents with a cell having a patched